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SETTING UP OF NATIONAL BIOTECHNOLOGY REGULATORY AUTHORITY .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has taken final decision to set up a National Biotechnology Regulatory Authority as recommended by the Task Force on Agricultural Biotechnology;

(b) If so, the time by which notification in this regard is proposed to be issued;

(c) The Ministries amongst which coordination is necessary to make the Authority an effective body;

(d) The reasons for delay in the constitution of the Authority; and

(e) The steps being initiated to expedite the matter? ANSWER

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): On the basis of recommendations of the Task Force on Application of Biotechnology in Agriculture, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has formulated a proposal for establishment of National Biotechnology Regulatory Authority (NBRA), which is under consideration of the Government. The Authority is proposed to be headed by an eminent biotechnologist, and will have representatives from the concerned Ministries like Ministry of Environment & Forests, Department of Biotechnology, Department of Agriculture Research & Education, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Department of Food Processing Industries, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Ministry of Law & Justice etc. Subject matter specialist and Non-governmental Organisations will also be represented in the proposed NBRA.